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ARIZONA BECOMES RESPONSIBLE

Yesterday Arizona knocked off and made elaborate preparations to ride to town. It shined the wash basin for a mirror, sleeked up its hair, blacked its mustache, buckled on its Sunday school holster, cinched a large piece of leather furniture on the pinto cayuse, leaped on and loped in to cast its first real vote as a grownup state.

Arizona is free, white (or nearly so) and upward of twenty-one, and it told its territorial guardians to go to Yuma! Henceforth Arizona will do its own governing and do it as it profanely pleases. It can look any other state in the face and tell it to go to Yuma. It is no longer a sheep range politically, but a respectable cow country, yip! yip! yippety-yip!—bang!

Yesterday was the biggest day they ever had in Arizona, and last night was a fine large night to round it off. All the boys were on hand early. It was dry waiting till the polls closed at the general store, but the paper came out and also there was a game in the express office. Also the territorial veterinary who vaccinated last year's calves nor, came through town on a hand car at 4 o'clock to nor, came through town on a hand car at 4 o'clock to make a political speech on the depot platform and he was worth hearing. Also it is rumored that the squire of the peace was laying for a couple of murderous squatters with a capias for hog-stealing and had dared them to come to town and vote—which issue even turned out more interesting than the political speech.

But in the evening things opened and livened up and refreshments resumed their sway. The band did what it could; also the bank. Lamps gleamed; wheels turned, and leather pounded lumber till the pines rattled in the Palace dance hall. Things whooped as never before, and this morning in a corner of the corral behind the dobe hotel, Arizona waked up with an ear full of sand, a headache and two United States senators, a governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer, a whole raft of minor state officers and a complete outfit of congressmen.

Arizona has celebrated its majority, attained its discretion, and we welcome it to the serious and profound responsibilities of statehood. At the same time we cannot help deploring that so much picturesqueness of character has been lost to sedate respectability and so much that was riotous and romantic to serious aims. Arizona may become as grave as it was once gay and care-free, but its sister states will always remember it as the playground of Geronimo, Tombstone Pete, Yuma Bill, the rustlers, the stage setting for Alfred Henry Lewis and Owen Wister, and the land of small boys' dreams.—St. Louis Republic, Dec. 12, 1911.

THE COCHISE COUNTY SEAT FIGHT

The Tucson Citizen, one of Arizona's progressive daily papers makes comment of the Cochise County Seat Removal agitation as follows:

"Douglas has launched another fight to secure the county seat of Cochise county. The movement naturally does not find favor in Tombstone, long the capital of dear old Cochise." Bisbee seems to hold the key to the situation for without the support of that city Douglas could not hope to master enough votes to get the county seat. If the residents of Douglas and of the Warren district could get together on the proposition they would undoubtedly control enough votes to move the county seat. In the past general movements have been made in this direction, but all have resulted in failure. The plan was to have Bisbee and the Warren district stand together to have the county seat removed and then fight it out among themselves as to whether the county seat should be located in Bisbee, Douglas or Warren.

"It is generally admitted that no suitable location could be found in Bisbee. The merchants of that city realize that to locate the county seat at Warren would probably develop considerable business there, which would naturally be taken away from Bisbee. For this reason a good many people in Bisbee are in favor of leaving the county seat right where it is, at Tombstone, and accordingly, it is quite unlikely that Douglas will succeed in her fight. The fight over the county seat has become very acrimonious, Tombstone always referring to Douglas as 'Old Smelter Fumes,' and Douglas applying epithets of a similar nature to Tombstone.

"While the present county seat is not very accessible to the rest of the county by rail, it is easily reached by automobile and in these days when nearly everybody has a machine, lack of railroad facilities is not such a great disadvantage."

WHAT BENSON THINKS OF COUNTY SEAT REMOVAL

Speaking on behalf of Benson, and the San Pedro

Valley, the Benson Signal, published in the heart of the farming district, voices the taxpayers' sentiment as follows:

"The proposed removal of the county seat of Cochise county from Tombstone to Douglas has been given the right of publicity and as a consequence the proponents of the scheme and those opposed to it are figuratively speaking, getting their hardware in shape for an onslaught. The Douglas boosters have a great argument in favor of removal satisfactory at least to themselves, that such removal would redound greatly to the benefit of Douglas. That seems to be the matter in a nutshell. The great majority of the people of Cochise County seem to be satisfied with the location of the county seat as it is at present. Tombstone is convenient to all sections of the county and to change to Douglas would be of little advantage to the people at large. The Signal is strongly opposed to the change as needless, unnecessary and expensive. The amount that would be needful to erect new county buildings could be expended to much greater advantage in the construction of good roads and with much greater satisfaction to taxpayers and people generally."

THE ARIZONA CELEBRATION

The Hassayamper resident or visiting in Los Angeles celebrated yesterday the birthday of the youngest and one of the most prosperous of the forty-eight children of the nation.

The pioneers of Arizona did not reach their destination in Pullman cars. With their wives and little ones and all their stuff in wagons, they went as our remote ancestors went from the German forests, to seek new pastures and to found new kingdoms. They were self-maintained and leaderless. They were not, as a rule, inspired by vulgar avarice, but by a just and prudent desire to improve their fortunes. Theirs was the antiquated Homeric spirit welded to common-sense Americanism. Before the organization of territorial government they were able to preserve order without law and to maintain justice without tribunals.

Their possession of absolute personal independence never degenerated into the savage liberty of a country without law, into cruelty or oppression.

Arizona led all the States of the Union last year in the production of wealth in proportion to population. Her yield of copper amounted to \$1000 worth for every man, woman and child in the State. Her gold and silver production was large. Her orchards and fields yielded great harvests, for her people dammed her rivers instead of damning her capitalists.

The growth of Arizona socially and morally has rivaled her advance materially. She has exiled the faro and roulette industry southward into Mexico. She has said to reckless imbibers of alcoholic fluids: "If you feel that you must quench your unlawful thirst, go to Los Angeles." And to her women she has said, as said Ahasuerus of old to Esther: "Thou art not mine woman or mine inferior; thou art mine equal and my queen; seat thee on the throne beside me and together we will rule our fair land."

The advance of Arizona in all things is due largely to her grizzled Argonauts, some of whom yesterday honored Los Angeles with their presence. Hail and welcome to them!—Los Angeles Times.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT

The new road improvement campaign has been started. Mr. C. F. Moss and a force of volunteer workers have

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ADMITS HE KILLED

ARIZONA RANCHMAN

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 18—George Harmon, a young man held here on robbery charges confessed today to murdering Stephen Hughes, a ranch owner of Tempe, Ariz., on December 3 last. The discovery of the body by the authorities at Tempe in the spot where Harmon said it was buried, following a telegraph report of his confession. Harmon, who is only about 22 years old, blames his partner, John Groff, also held on local robbery charges for the crime. His blunt confession follows:

"I killed Stephen Hughes on December 3. I killed him with an axe at night about 10 or 11 o'clock, wrapped him up in blankets, dug into the ditch and buried him in the ditch on his own ranch about 100 feet north of the house and was forced to do so by John Groff. I sold my belonging to Stephen Hughes amounting to \$2500 and turned the money I received over to John Groff. I forged checks on Hughes amounting to \$900, forced to do so by Groff."

CONFESS KILLING

AND REVEAL BODY

PHOENIX, Feb. 19—Following close upon the confession of George Harmon and John Groff to the murder of Stephen Hughes, Tempe rancher, the body of their victim was unearthed at the side of an irrigation ditch near his ranch house late this afternoon. The skull was badly crushed as if struck by some blunt weapon but the body was in a good state of preservation.

AUTO TURNS OVER

TWO MEN INJURED

DOUGLAS, Feb. 19—An automobile driven by Roy Clayborne of Wimberly & Clayborne, overturned last night shortly after 10 o'clock and Mr. Clayborne and his companion, a salesman named Lane, who represents a clothing concern, sustained serious injuries. Of the two, Mr. Lane was the more severely hurt, having a broken arm, three broken ribs and internal injuries. Mr. Clayborne suffered three broken ribs and painful internal injuries. Both men were rushed to the Calumet hospital for treatment.

RAIN AND SNOW

HELP IN ROAD WORK

The present snow and rain fall is certainly helping out the road department and the only drawback being that not enough rain has fallen so far but what has, has been of great benefit to the extension of the state highway now being built towards Tombstone from the Bisbee Extension, by the Cochise County road department under the supervision of County Engineer Ryan. The crew that is working from Tombstone towards Fairbank is doing some fine work and the improvement at the east corner of the Tombstone cemetery is of great help. This stretch of road is now like a paved road, the Huachuca Water company having gotten busy Friday and assisted the county by making a special tap and providing hose so that the road crew could wet down and drag that section. The road to Fairbank will soon be in the best shape but has been since automobiles began throwing up speed in this county. The County Engineer should get a crew on the road from the Fairbanks-Benson fork to the Curtis Flats and fix a few spots along that route and then from St. David bridge to Benson as traffic along that route is growing continually.

GOVERNOR CAMPBELL ASKS

EXTRADITION OF MURDERER

PHOENIX, Feb. 20—Governor Campbell this afternoon issued a requisition on the governor of Texas for the extradition of L. Anderson and John Groff, in jail at El Paso, for the murder of Stephen Hughes, a wealthy ranchman of Tempe, nine miles east of Phoenix, early last December. An agent of the state left for El Paso tonight.

K. OF C. LEADER

PHOENIX GUEST

PHOENIX, Feb. 19—On an official tour of the councils of the Knights of Columbus in the southwest, A. G. Bagley, special supreme agent, arrived in Phoenix yesterday spending the day with the officers of Marcos de Niza council, No. 1189 and seeing the city. Mr. Bagley will be the guest of the local knights at a special session this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Elks' lodge room, leaving tomorrow for Globe by way of the Roosevelt dam. He will spend part of today on a drive about the Salt River valley.

MANGLED BODY

FOUND NEAR BENSON

BENSON, Feb. 19—The body of a man was discovered in the railroad yard Tuesday afternoon about 5 o'clock, about fifty yards east of the pumping plant. The dead man was lying beside the rails with head severed from his body and presented a ghastly sight.

Letters and papers found on the deceased showed the name of the unfortunate man to be Thomas H. Jervis, of Ebersburg, Penn., and lately a resident of Santa Barbara, California.

He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Also had a check for baggage from Santa Barbara to El Paso, Tex., but no ticket or money was found on his person.

The deceased stopped over in town Monday night, registering at the Virginia Hotel as Howard Jervis, assigning no place of residence.

Upon communication with his relatives in Pennsylvania word was received to have the body embalmed and sent on home.

RETURNS FROM PHOENIX

Clerk of the Superior Court J. E. James returned home last evening from Phoenix, where he went on business matters, having been absent since Sunday. He states that the legislature is exceedingly busy with the appropriation bill requiring much of their time, and it is feared in Phoenix that there is a possibility of an extra session of that body today.

NOTICE FOR POSTING AND PUBLICATION

Serial No. 032721

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Phoenix, Arizona, Feb. 7, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that the Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company, by Howel Jones, its Land Commissioner, has filed its application, Serial No. 032721, in this office to select, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 21, 1904 (33 Stats. 211) the following described lands:

Gila and Salt River Meridian—

Arizona

T. 8-S., R. 6-E., E½ Sec. 15; E½ Sec. 21; W½ Sec. 22.
 T. 9-S., R. 7-E., Lots 1, 2, E½ NW¼ Sec. 30.
 T. 17-S., R. 19-E., all Sec. 35.
 T. 18-S., R. 20-E., SE¼ Sec. 19.
 T. 18-S., R. 22-E., E½ Sec. 17.
 T. 20-S., R. 21-E., Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, SW¼ SE¼ Sec. 21; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, W½ E½ Sec. 28; E½ Sec. 33; Lot 1, Sec. 27; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Sec. 34.
 T. 18-S., R. 16-E., E½ Sec. 15.
 T. 18-S., R. 17-E., W½ W½ Sec. 24; W½ W½ Sec. 25; E½ Sec. 35.
 T. 18-S., R. 18-S.; all Sec. 28.
 T. 19-S., R. 18-E., SW¼ Sec. 29.
 T. 22-S., R. 15-E., Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, SE¼ SE¼ Sec. 13; Lots 1, 4, SE¼ NE¼, S½ Sec. 23; all Sec. 24.
 T. 31-N., R. 3-W., SW¼ Sec. 17; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E½ W½ SE¼ Sec. 18.
 T. 31-N., R. 4-W., S½ Sec. 12; NW¼ S½ Sec. 13.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land or for any other reason, to the disposal to applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office on or before the 31st day of March, 1917.

J. L. IRVIN,

Register.

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NOTICE FOR POSTING AND PUBLICATION

Serial No. 031662

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Phoenix, Arizona, Feb. 7, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that the Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company, by Howel Jones, its Land Commissioner, has filed its application, Serial No. 031662, in this office to select, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 21, 1904 (33 Stats. 211) the following described lands:

Gila and Salt River Meridian—

Arizona

T. 8-S., R. 7-E., SE¼ Sec. 14; NE¼ Sec. 23.
 T. 14-S., R. 27-E., NE¼, E½ NW¼ Sec. 30.
 T. 15-S., R. 26-E., S½ NE¼, SE¼ NW¼, SE¼ Sec. 5.
 T. 15-S., R. 28-E., SW¼ NW¼, N½ SW¼, SW¼ SW¼ Sec. 9; E½ NW¼, E½ SW¼ Sec. 29.
 T. 17-S., R. 28-E., SW¼ NE¼, SE¼ NW¼, NE¼ SW¼, NW¼ SE¼ Sec. 8.
 T. 17-S., R. 17-E., N½ NE¼, E½ NW¼ Sec. 21; all Secs. 22, 26 and 27.
 T. 19-S., R. 17-E., E½ Sec. 11; all Secs. 12 and 13; E½ Sec. 14; N½ NE¼, SE¼ NE¼, NE¼ SE¼, S½ SE¼ Sec. 24; all Sec. 25.
 T. 19-S., R. 18-E., all Secs. 7, 18, 19, 20 and 31.
 T. 17-S., R. 19-E., E½ NE¼, S½ Sec. 25; E½ SW¼, SE¼ Sec. 26; NE¼, SE¼ NW¼, S½ SE¼, NE¼ SW¼ Sec. 34.
 T. 17-S., R. 20-E., Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, E½ NW¼, E½ SW¼, SE¼ Sec. 18; all Secs. 19, 20 and 30.
 T. 17-S., R. 22-E., N½ Sec. 25; all Secs. 26, 27, 28 and 29; N½ N½ Sec. 33; N½ N½ Sec. 34; N½ N½ Sec. 35.
 T. 18-S., R. 22-E., all Secs. 5 and 8; W½ Sec. 17; all Sec. 20; N½ Sec. 25; N½ Sec. 26; NE¼ Sec. 27; N½ Sec. 28.
 T. 23-S., R. 22-E., E½ Sec. 22.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal to applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office on or before the 31st day of March, 1917.

J. L. IRVIN,

Register.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR SURVEY AND WITHDRAWAL

Under Acts of Congress, Approved August 18, 1894 and June 29, 1910.

Application for Survey No. 39

Office of the Governor

State House, Phoenix, Arizona.

Notice is hereby given that application, dated December 19, 1916, signed by the Governor of Arizona, the State Land Commissioner and the Attorney-General of Arizona, was made to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Washington, D. C., for the survey and withdrawal, pursuant to the provisions and by authority of the Act of Congress, approved June 20, 1910 (36 Stats. 568), and other Acts and parts of Acts made applicable thereto, of the lands embraced in the following township in Cochise County, viz:

T. 21-S., R. 28-E.; S½ Sec. 18; all Sections 19 and 20; S½ Sec. 21; all Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33.

Notice is therefore given that all unsurveyed lands in said township above designated have been withdrawn and reserved from and after December 26, 1916, the date of receipt by the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the aforesaid joint application for survey and withdrawal which said withdrawal will continue until the expiration of sixty days from the date of filing in the United States Land Office at Phoenix, Arizona, of the official plat of survey of said township, during which time the State of Arizona will have the exclusive right to select, through its legally constituted authorities, any of the lands embraced within the said township which are not included in any adverse claim.

Dated at Phoenix, Arizona, February 3, 1917.

THOMAS E. CAMPBELL,

Governor of Arizona.

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